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PLEASE PASS TO HON. THOMAS E. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATION RELATIONS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE OF JUNE 7, 1975 RE THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

1. TALKED TO MR CHARLES J. RICHARDS, INTERNATIONAL SALES MANAGER,
SEA-LAND SERVICE, LTD. ON JUNE 19, 1975. HE HAS NO INFORMATION
REGARDING ALLEGED CABLE PRIOR TO U.S. MILITARY ACTION ADVISING
THAT THE "MAYAGUEZ" AND CREW WOULD BE RELEASED.

2. RICHARDS ONLY INVOLVEMENT IS THAT HE WAS THE SEA-LAND
REPRESENTATIVE IN HONG KONG WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE
SHIP HAD BEEN SEIZED. HE ADVISED COMPANY AUTHORITIES IN THE
UNITED STATES OF THAT FACT. RICHARDS SAID THAT THE ONLY INFOR-
MATION HE RECEIVED AFTER THAT WAS FROM THE NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING
NEWS THAT THE SHIP AND ITS CREW HAD BEEN RELEASED. AS A MATTER OF
FACT ALL OF THE SENIOR SEA-LAND OFFICIALS WHO ARE BASED IN ASIA
WERE ATTENDING A COMPANY MEETING IN OAKLAND, CALIF. AT THE TIME
OF THE INCIDENT AND RICHARDS WAS THE SENIOR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
IN ASIA.

3. I SUBMITTED A LIST OF QUESTIONS TO RICHARDS BY CABLE PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG. HE REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE
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THIS REQUEST AND WAS ADVISED BY HIS HOME OFFICE TO REFER ANY

INQUERIES ON THE "MAYAGUEZ" INCIDENT TO THE SEALND OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. THE PERSON TO CONTACT IS MR. A.J. MAYOR, SUITE 607, 1140 CONN. AVE, N.W. IN ADDITION SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR. C.W. NEWHOUSER, VICE-PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHETHER SEA-LAND RECEIVED ANY MESSAGES FROM THE CAMBODIANS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE SHIP AND ITS CREW PRIOR TO THE ATTACK.

4. WILL CONTINUE TO INQUIRE INTO THE INCIDENT DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY MISSION.
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